

Public Health Financing Committee Workplan

Goals for Working Together/Ground Rules/Common Understandings

- Identify partners (DSHS, DOE, local finance directors, elected officials, legislative staff). Develop an approach, early, to involve and inform them about our work
- Use e-mail extensively (Joan and Nancy are checking on how to set up a website to facilitate discussions).
- We will take the consensus model as far as we can, then we vote. Use majority/minority reports to indicate differences of opinion.
- Leave "departmental representation" at the door and take a systems view.

2002 Work Plan

- Co-chairs and subgroups of the Committee may need to work in between meetings
 - Less analytical work done by the consulting team, more by DOH (for funding formulas and models) with consultation help from Marty and Ursula
 - Recommendations and report will serve as the PHIP chapter; no separate report
 - Committee will develop specific, actionable recommendations to the three policy questions below by June 2002:
1. For the purposes of cost estimation: what are the basic public health goals and activities? (Or, what is it that no individual can do for themselves?)
 2. What will it cost to provide basic public health goals and activities statewide (as identified in question 1)? Answer this question using a model which is scale-able and evaluates potential economies of scale.
 3. How would current state funding allocations be changed to support the "equitable allocations" and "financial incentives for cost-effectiveness" principles from last year? Will need to do this by funding source/revenue stream.

Planned Meeting Agendas (to address the above policy questions)

January

1. Confirm basic public health goals and activities (Question 1)
2. Progress report from DOH regarding funding allocations (Nancy, Lois and Steve will begin work on Question 3)
3. Initial discussions about cost modeling (Question 2)

March

1. Alternative models for costing and select models to do costing (Question 2)
2. Information and recommendations by DOH for funding allocation formulas (Question 3)

May

1. Selected models refined and statewide costs presented (Question 2)
2. Confirm refined allocation formulas (Question 3)
3. Look at funding outcomes to evaluate transition implications (Question 3)
4. Draft preliminary recommendations based on this work

June

- Review draft report
- Next steps: taking recommendations to PHIP Committee, WSALPHO and beyond